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Title: FLEXIBLE SUBSTRATE MOUNTED SOLID-STATE LIGHT SOURCES FOR EXTERIOR VEHICULAR LIGHTING

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

In response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2002, applicants request that the above-identified application be amended as set forth below and that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of these amendments and the Remarks that follow. A clean version of the amendments is shown below. A marked-up copy of the amendments follows this response and is entitled MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS.

CLEAN VERSION OF THE AMENDMENTS

Amendment to the Claims

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims 1, 13, 23, 25, and 26 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A flexible vehicular light source adapted to mount on and conform to a shape of an external surface of a vehicle and to emit light that provides illumination of a surface over which the vehicle is traveling, indicates an intention of a driver to turn or stop the vehicle, and/or provides an indication of a location of the vehicle, said flexible vehicular light source comprising:

(a) a flexible substrate having a rear surface and a front surface, and including a plurality of flexible conductive traces, said plurality of flexible conductive traces being adapted to connect to an electrical system of a vehicle to receive an electrical current therefrom, said plurality of flexible conductive traces being disposed in at least one of the following locations:

(i) on the rear surface of the flexible substrate;

(ii) on the front surface of the flexible substrate; and

(iii) within an internal portion of the flexible substrate;

(b) a plurality of solid-state light emitting devices mounted in a spaced-apart array on the front surface of the flexible substrate, said array extending in two orthogonal directions, said plurality of solid-state light emitting devices being electrically connected to the plurality of flexible conductive traces and energized by the electrical current, emitting light outwardly and away from said flexible substrate; and

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